

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: RN 11 23542
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 943
AUTHOR: Senate Business, Professions
and Economic Development

BILL SUMMARY: Healing Arts

This omnibus bill would make various changes to the provisions regulating the health-related boards of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and professions regulated primarily under the Business and Professions Code.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The DCA indicates this bill would have no fiscal impact.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill which would allow the health-related boards of the DCA to operate more efficiently and effectively.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various businesses and professions by the boards, bureaus, and committees within the DCA.

This bill would, among other things:

- Extend the sunset date on licensure authority of the Dental Hygiene Committee (DHC) until January 1, 2014.
- Authorize the DHC to reprimand a licensee for enforcement purposes.
- Require applicants for a DHC license to provide electronic fingerprints.
- Require a licensee or health care facility to comply with requests for dental records.
- Clarify that the Board of Behavioral Science may suspend or revoke a license based upon disciplinary action or unprofessional conduct.
- Clarify that licensed professional clinical counselors may provide psychological work.
- Clarify that the Board of Registered Nurses' determination of licensure shall be based solely on education.
- Extend the sunset date on the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act until January 1, 2013.

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<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>
0280	Physician Assistant Fund
0758	Contingent Fd of the Medical Board of CA
0761	Registered Nursing Fund, Board of
0773	Behavioral Science Examiners Fund
0777	Veterinary Medical Board Contingent Fund
3140	Dental Hygiene Fund, State